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"AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL READINESS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 10-16r of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
5 *1, 2004*):

6 (b) The local school readiness council shall: (1) Make
7 recommendations to the chief elected official and the superintendent of
8 schools on issues relating to school readiness, including any
9 applications for grants pursuant to sections 10-16p, as amended, 10-
10 16u, 17b-749a and 17b-749c; (2) foster partnerships among providers of
11 school readiness programs; (3) assist in the identification of (A) the
12 need for school readiness programs and the number of children not
13 being served by such a program, and (B) for priority school districts
14 pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended, the number of children not
15 being served by such a program and the estimated operating cost of

16 providing universal school readiness to eligible children in such
17 districts who are not being served; (4) submit biannual reports to the
18 Department of Education on the number and location of school
19 readiness spaces, [and] estimates of future needs, and the factors
20 identified pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection; (5) cooperate
21 with the department in any program evaluation and, on and after July
22 1, 2000, use measures developed pursuant to section 10-16s for
23 purposes of evaluating the effectiveness of school readiness programs;
24 (6) identify existing and prospective resources and services available to
25 children and families; (7) facilitate the coordination of the delivery of
26 services to children and families, including (A) referral procedures,
27 and (B) before and after-school child care for children attending
28 kindergarten programs; (8) exchange information with other councils,
29 the community and organizations serving the needs of children and
30 families; (9) make recommendations to school officials concerning
31 transition from school readiness programs to kindergarten; and (10)
32 encourage public participation.

33 Sec. 502. Section 10-4 of the general statutes, as amended by section
34 12 of public act 03-174, is repealed and the following is substituted in
35 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

36 (NEW) (d) Not later than December 15, 2004, and annually
37 thereafter, within available appropriations, the board shall make
38 reasonable efforts to ensure that summaries of reports required
39 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 10-16r of the
40 general statutes, as amended by this act, are submitted. The board shall
41 summarize the reports and submit such summaries, in accordance
42 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
43 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
44 relating to education."